

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A tube case comprising
first and second sections each having an open end and a closed end, the first
section being larger in cross-section than the second section to allow the open end of
5 the second section to fit within the open end of the first section to thereby provide a
tube case for containing and supporting therein an elongated article,
the second section including a latch bracket with a shoulder thereon and a slot
therein near the open end thereof,
the first section having a portion thereof at the open end thereof for engaging the
10 shoulder on the latch bracket to provide a stop and proper positioning of the open end
of the second section within the open end of the first section, and
the first section including a latch with a member adapted to engage the slot in
the latch bracket.
- 15 2. A tube case as in Claim 1 wherein the first and second sections have a
substantially triangular cross-sectional configuration.

3. A tube case as in Claim 1 including a pair of latch brackets on the second section, each with a shoulder and slot whereby the portion of the first section can engage both shoulders of both brackets.

5 4. A tube case as in Claim 1 wherein the first section includes a carrying handle.

5. A tube case as in Claim 4 wherein the sections each include a bracket to which a carrying strap can be attached.

10 6. A tube case as in Claim 1 wherein the sections are dimensioned to hold an elongated article such as a fishing rod or the like.

15 7. A tube case as in Claim 1 wherein the sections are dimensioned to hold a golf bag.

8. A tube case as in Claim 1 wherein the first and second sections are dimensioned so that the closed end of the second section can fit within the open end of the first section for storage and shipment of the case.

9. A tube case comprising

first and second sections each having an open end and a closed end, the first section being larger in cross-section than the second section to allow the open end of the second section to fit within the open end of the first section to thereby provide a

5 tube case for containing and supporting therein an elongated article,

the second section including a latch bracket with a shoulder thereon and a slot therein near the open end thereof,

the first section having a portion thereof at the open end thereof for engaging the shoulder on the latch bracket to provide a stop and proper positioning of the open end

10 of the second section within the open end of the first section, and

the first section including a latch with a member adapted to engage the slot in the latch bracket.

10. A tube case as in Claim 9 including a pair of latch brackets on the second

15 section, each with a shoulder and slot whereby the edge of the first section can engage both shoulders of both brackets, and wherein the first and second sections have a substantially triangular cross-sectional configuration, and wherein the first and second sections are dimensioned so that the closed end of the second section can fit within the open end of the first section for storage and shipment of the case.

11. A tube case comprising
 - first and second elongated sections each having an open end and a closed end, the first section being larger in cross-section than the second section to allow the open end of the second section to fit within the open end of the first section to thereby
 - 5 provide a tube case for containing and supporting therein an elongated article, the second section including a latch bracket thereon and a slot therein near the open end thereof,
 - the first section having a portion thereof at the open end thereof for engaging the latch bracket to provide a stop and proper positioning of the open end of the second
 - 10 section within the open end of the first section, and
 - the first section including a latch with a member adapted to engage the slot in the latch bracket.
12. A tube case as in Claim 11 including a pair of latch brackets on the second section, each with a slot whereby the edge of the first section can engage both brackets, and wherein the first and second sections have a substantially triangular cross-sectional configuration, and wherein the first and second sections are dimensioned so that the closed end of the second section can fit within the open end of the first section for storage and shipment of the case.